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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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570. Mr N Bhanga to ask the Premier:

- (1) How many Wi-Fi hotspot areas are there currently in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether he can kindly indicate the location of the hotspots and the areas for which it provides coverage;
- (3) (a) how many of the hotspots mentioned in (1) above are currently functional and (b) can he kindly cite the reasons as to why the remaining hotspots are reportedly not functional;
- (4) how much has his Office budgeted for the original implementation project;
- (5) how much has his Office spent on the maintenance of the hotspots (i) per month and (ii) per year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (6) whether his Office has put any plans in place with a view to expanding the hotspot coverage areas in the province; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

571. Mr N Bhanga to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

- (1) Whether the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) makes use of the Systems Applications Products (SAP) billing system; if so, can he kindly indicate which systems currently run on the municipality's SAP system;
- (2) when was the SAP system installed in the municipality;
- (3) what were the (a) initial installation and (b) subsequent maintenance costs for the upgrading and maintenance of SAP;
- (4) (a) can he kindly outline each time the SAP system experienced problems in the past financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) what was the nature of the problem and (c) how much did it cost the municipality to repair the system for each logged problem;
- (5) can he kindly outline the incidents where incorrect statements were sent to customers during the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (6) how many officials have received official training to use the SAP system during the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (7) whether the system (a) has been completely and successfully implemented and (b) is Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (mSCOA) compliant; if not, why;
- (8) (a) who is the service provider contracted to implement the SAP system and (b) whether there are any outstanding monies currently owed to the contractor; if so, (aa) how much is outstanding and (bb) can he kindly provide the reasons in this regard;
- (9) (a) who is the service provider contracted to maintain the SAP system, (b) how much has his Department budgeted for this contract and (c) what is the duration of the contract?

572. Ms V Knoetze to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Regarding the alleged irregular expenditure of monies which were allocated to the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) Ward 46 for the 2018/19 financial year:

- (1) How much did the Municipal Council budget as a ward allocation for Ward 46 for the aforementioned financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how much of the budget has his Department spent for the financial year specified above as at the latest specified date for information is available;
- (3) whether comprehensive Integrated Development Plan (IDP) sessions were convened to consult the residents of the ward regarding the abovementioned financial year's ward allocation budget; if so, can he kindly provide dates of the public meetings, supported with attendance registers;
- (4) (a) what were the identified ward priorities for the abovementioned financial year and (b) how much was allocated for each priority;
- (5) how much was (a) allocated to the ward in the form of discretionary funds and (b) utilized?

573. Ms N Zibonda to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With reference to the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG):

- (1) How much, if any, were the provincial municipalities spending on sport, recreation and sporting infrastructure for the (i) 2017/18 and (ii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what (a) have these funds been utilized for and (b) was (i) built, (ii) revamped and/or upgraded and (c) future plans for the current financial year, have the municipalities put in place with a view to spending the MIG on sports;
- (3) which municipalities failed to utilize and/or prioritize their budget on sporting facilities and infrastructure;

- (4) what mechanisms has his Department put in place with a view to ensuring that municipalities make full use of this grant to build and/or address the lack of sporting facilities and their poor state within the province;
- (5) what links have the respective municipalities and their planning bodies established with sporting bodies and/or the Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture?

574. Ms N Zibonda to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With reference to the Raymond Mhlaba Municipality:

- (1) (a) What was the audit outcome for the municipality mentioned above for the 2018/19 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) why;
- (2) (a) what was the audit outcome for the aforementioned municipality's development agency for the financial year specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) why;
- (3) what (a) is the current financial status of the development agency and (b) reasons has the agency provided for its current state;
- (4) (a) what was the total Cost of Employees for the development agency for the (i) 2017/18 and (ii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) whether the development agency has been in the financial position to pay the salaries of its employees; if not, why;
- (5) what steps has his Department taken with a view to addressing the audit outcome results of the aforementioned municipality and its development agency, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

575. Mr Y Cassim to ask the MEC responsible for Education:

- (1) Whether he has been informed of the needs of Morningside High School in Nelson Mandela Bay District; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how many learners are currently registered at the school mentioned above;

- (3) on average, how many learners are in one class;
- (4) whether there have been any incidents of violence towards teachers from the learners; if so, how many incidents were reported for the (i) 2017, (ii) 2018 and (iii) 2019 academic years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) whether any of the incidents in (4) above were investigated; if so, (a) how many were investigated and (b) what was the outcome in each case;
- (6) whether there are any infrastructure needs at the aforementioned school; if so, (a) what are the needs and (b) when his Department anticipates these needs will be addressed;
- (7) what total budget is required to attend to all the infrastructure needs at the school mentioned above;
- (8) whether there have been any incidents of drug and alcohol consumption by learners on the school premises; if so, how many incidents were reported in the aforementioned academic years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (9) whether any incidents in (8) above were investigated; if so, (a) how many were investigated and (b) what was the outcome in each case?

576. Mr Y Cassim to ask the MEC responsible for Education:

- (1) Whether he has received any communication regarding the need of a fence at Fort Beaufort Primary School; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, when his Department envisages the school will be furnished with a fence;
- (2) whether there have been any reports of vandalism or security threats at the school mentioned above; if so, (a) how many cases were reported in the (i) 2017, (ii) 2018 and (iii) 2019 academic years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) what are the risks to the (a) school property, (b) learners and (c) teachers when the school is reported to be without a proper fence?

577. Mr Y Cassim to ask the MEC responsible for Education:

- (1) Whether he has received any representations regarding an ex-employee (*names and details furnished for the purpose of the reply*), who reportedly went on pension from 1 August 2018; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) whether his Department has processed the abovementioned ex-employee's documents in order for her to receive her leave pay; if not, why;
- (3) (a) why has it reportedly taken his Department so long to process her leave in order for her to receive her payment(s) and (b) when his Department anticipates the aforementioned ex-employee will start receiving her payment(s)?

578. Mr R Odendaal to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:

- (1) Whether the Legislature or any provincial department have any outstanding accounts with the Special Investigations Unit (SIU); if so, what amounts are outstanding;
- (2) for which matters were the investigations in (1) above and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard as at the latest date for which information is available;
- (3) (a) which departments are responsible for the payment thereof and (b) when were the invoices/accounts rendered?

579. Mr R Odendaal to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:

With reference to Minister of Finance, (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) statement who announced during his Medium-Term Budget Speech in October 2019 that all municipalities with unfunded budgets will have to table adjustments budgets:

- (1) Whether he can kindly advise which municipalities in the province have unfunded budgets;
- (2) (a) to what extent is each of these budgets unfunded and (b) up to what amount per municipality;
- (3) what steps has his Department taken in order to assist these municipalities to endeavour to table funded budgets;

- (4) when his Department envisages each of these municipalities will table adjustments budgets?

580. Mr R Odendaal to ask the MEC responsible for Finance:

- (1) What is the total amount in outstanding accounts/invoices owed to creditors of the provincial departments as at (i) 31 July 2019, (ii) 31 August 2019 and (iii) 30 September 2019;
- (2) what is the total amount in outstanding accounts/invoices owed to creditors of the provincial departments that have been outstanding for more than 30 days as at the aforementioned periods as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) what is the total amount in outstanding accounts/invoices owed to creditors of the provincial departments that have been outstanding for less than 30 days as at the period specified above as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

581. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Health:

Noting that a nursing sister (name and details furnished for the purpose of the reply) reportedly wrote to the HR Department of the Department of Health on Monday, 13 May 2019 to request information regarding her pension and further noting that she has reportedly had no reply at all in this regard:

- (1) If the employee wishes to purchase years to boost her pension fund, what would it cost her to purchase (i) 5 years, (ii) 10 years, (iii) 15 years, (iv) 20 years, (v) 25 years and (vi) 30 years respectively;
- (2) what would her monthly pension then be for each of the purchased time-frames mentioned in (1) above;
- (3) what would her lump sum payment be for each of the purchased time-frames mentioned above?

582. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Health:

Noting that the Bergsig Clinic outside Kirkwood has allegedly experienced a stock-out of Insulin for the past two weeks and further noting that this has reportedly impacted directly on 10 patients at the clinic:

- (1) Whether the Bergsig Clinic is the only clinic to experience a stock-out of Insulin or is the stock-out a result of a greater shortage of Insulin; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) whether the Port Elizabeth Medicine Depot currently has any Insulin in stock; if not, why;
- (3) what immediate steps is her Department taking with a view to ensuring that Insulin will be sourced and provided to all facilities that are experiencing stock-outs, as a matter of extreme urgency?

583. Ms J Cowley to ask the MEC responsible for Health:

Noting that at the Wilhelm Stahl Hospital in Middelburg, a Inxuba Yethemba Ward Councillor (name furnished for the purpose of the reply) has reportedly been nominated as a hospital board member, holding the position of Deputy Chairperson with voting powers and further noting that this is in direct contravention of the Policy on Hospital Board Establishment, Functionality, Management and Support, in particular Section 9.1.1, which states clearly that “Board members must exclude political representatives such as Councillors who do not have voting powers”:

- (1) Whether her Department has taken or anticipates to take any immediate steps with a view to revoking the nomination of the said councillor as a voting member of the board; if so, when her Department anticipates the steps will be taken; if not, why;
- (2) what steps her Department envisages it will take with a view to ensuring that the board is reconstituted in accordance with all relevant policies and that all board members are bona fide;
- (3) what further steps her Department envisages it will take with a view to ensuring that all hospital boards across the province are in compliance with all relevant policy documents?

584. Mr S Magaqa to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:

Noting that the Department of Human Settlements had allegedly undertaken to approach tertiary institutions to provide training to councilors, traditional leaders and municipal officials in the field of sustainable human settlements in the 2018/19 financial year:

- (1) What is the detailed project implementation plan of the training as indicated by her Department;
- (2) (a) how many training programs has her Department implemented so far, (b) with which tertiary institutions and (c) how many (aa) councilors, (bb) traditional leaders and (cc) municipal officials has her Department trained;
- (3) if her Department has not implemented the training program, (a) what is the time-frame for implementation, (b) how many classes her Department anticipates will be offered and (c) what are the detailed modules that will be offered;
- (4) who is the service provider that her Department has appointed in facilitating and implementing the project plan;
- (5) what was the total budgeted cost of the program in the aforementioned financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

585. Mr S Magaqa to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:

Noting that the Department of Human Settlements was reportedly amongst the first in the province to roll-out the Finance Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP):

- (1) (a) How many housing projects in the province has her Department financed to date through the FLISP programme, (b) where are these housing projects located and (c) what is the name of each project;
- (2) how many FLISP applications on average is her Department processing and approving in each financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (3) how long does it take her Department to process and approve a FLISP application?

586. Mr S Magaqa to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:

- (1) How many RDP houses have been legally sold by their beneficiaries in the province since 1994 and can she kindly provide details per district and metro municipalities;
- (2) how many RDP houses have been illegally sold to date outside the stipulated period since 1994 and can she kindly provide details per district and metro municipalities;
- (3) whether there are any RDP houses that have been sold back to her Department by their beneficiaries; if so, (a) how many, (b) in which areas and (c) whether they have been re-allocated; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

587. Ms V Knoetze to ask the MEC responsible for Public Works:

- (1) How much has his Department spent on the maintenance and repairs of Members of the Provincial Legislature's (MPLs) houses for the 2018/19 financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) (a) how much has his Department budgeted within the current financial year for maintenance and repairs for MPL's houses as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) of the amount, how much has his Department utilized so far;
- (3) how many prestige houses are (a) under the custodian of his Department and (b) currently being utilized by MPLs;
- (4) (a) how many of the prestige houses is his Department assessing for repairs and (b) which company is carrying out the assessment;
- (5) what is the current usage of the State House located at Bhisho?

392. Ms N Zibonda to ask the MEC responsible for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform: (Redirected) [Withdrawn from IQP 16 dated Friday, 27 September 2019]

- (1) Whether there is any progress regarding the lodging of land claims in the province; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) what steps has her Department taken with a view to designing and implementing the land restitution programme and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (3) what amount of land has been (a) claimed and (b) returned to the people as at the latest specific date for which information is available;
- (4) whether there are any pending legal disputes due to land claims in the province; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

588. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:

- (1) How many members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) had driver's licenses in the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (2) whether she can kindly provide a breakdown of the relevant members mentioned in (1) above as per (a) the police stations in the province and (b) ranking of the officials relevant to the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) whether there were any members of the SAPS involved in vehicle accidents, who did not have a valid driver's license in the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, what (a) are the numbers involved and (b) is the geographical breakdown of where these accidents occurred;
- (4) what consequence management has her Department implemented against the members mentioned in (3) above;
- (5) how many SAPS vehicles were therefore involved in accidents, as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which

information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

- (6) what total amount has her Department spent on the (a) repairs and (b) maintenance of said vehicles as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (7) how many vehicles were written off, as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (8) how many SAPS officials were (a) injured or (b) killed in these vehicle accidents as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;
- (9) what measures has her Department put in place with a view to ensuring that all SAPS officials have valid driver's licenses?

589. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:

Regarding the profiles of perpetrators of violent crime for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years:

- (1) Whether the South African police Service (SAPS) conducts any research into the profiles of perpetrators of violent crime; if so, what is the (a) age, (b) gender and (c) general background, per categories of offenders most likely to commit violent crime and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard for the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why;
- (2) whether her Department has any crime prevention strategies geared to targeting this particular group; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details as per the financial years mentioned above; if not, why?

590. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:

- (1) In terms of a crime reduction strategy, whether the South African Police Service (SAPS) has put any plans in place with a view to targeting prolific offenders for the (i) 2018/19 and (ii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) when and (b) where; if not, why;
- (2) how does her Department identify prolific offenders?

591. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:

Regarding the Non-Profit (NPO) unit that was reportedly established in order to specialise in managing NPO registrations, funding requests, conduct performance monitoring, evaluation and legislative compliance functions:

- (1) When was the unit established;
- (2) whether the establishment of the unit improved on the payment process of subsidised NPOs in the province to ensure that NPOs are paid on time; if so, how has the unit offered improvement;
- (3) how many NPOs received late payments in each quarter for the (i) 2017, (ii) 2018 and (iii) 2019 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) how many of her Department officials were/are employed in this unit for the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (5) what is the total (a) budget allocation and (b) actual expenditure for this unit in the financial years mentioned in (4) above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (6) what are the challenges still faced by her Department that cause NPOs to be paid late;
- (7) what plan has her Department put in place with a view to ensuring that NPOs are paid on time?

592. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Social Development:

- (1) How many Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres has her Department targeted to be (a) renovated and (b) built in the (i) 2016/17, (ii) 2017/18 and (iii) 2018/19 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) how many ECD centres were (a) renovated and (b) built in the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) whether she can kindly provide the reasons for any incomplete (a) renovation and (b) building projects with regard to ECD centres in the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (4) what are the consequences of the incomplete infrastructure projects on the children and communities?

593. Ms N Zibonda to ask the MEC responsible for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture:

With reference to the article published in The Herald dated Monday, 11 November 2019, titled "Sports Facilities in a poor state despite millions budgeted":

- (1) (a) Whether she has been informed that R104.5 million was allegedly given to the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can she kindly indicate what was the intended purpose of this allocation;
- (2) whether these funds were used for their intended purpose; if so, can she kindly indicate and provide the relevant details as to how were the funds used; if not, why;
- (3) (a) what facilities has the aforementioned municipality (i) built, (ii) upgraded (iii) demolished and (iv) closed down and (b) why;
- (4) what steps has her Department taken with a view to ensuring that the funds allocated were used for their intended purpose and where there has been a failure to do this, action will be taken;
- (5) (a) how much has her Department, from its own budget, allocated to municipalities in the province for the (i) 2017/18 and (ii) 2018/19 financial

years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) can she kindly provide a breakdown of the municipalities;

- (6) what agreement(s) does her Department have in place with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) with a view to ensuring that municipalities (i) allocate funds, (ii) utilize these funds to build and promote sports and (iii) spend a portion of their Municipal Infrastructure Grant funding on sporting infrastructure?

594. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:

With reference to Zwelivumile Senior Secondary School in the Chris Hani district:

- (1) What is the total number of learners that qualify for scholar transport at the school mentioned above;
- (2) of the qualifying learners, what is the total number of learners that benefit from the scholar transport programme;
- (3) whether her Department has made any budget available to transport learners from the surrounding areas to the aforementioned school; if not, why; if so, how much has her Department made available in this regard?

595. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:

- (1) What is the total number of (a) road accidents and (b) fatality rate due to road accidents from 01 January 2019 as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what were the provincial statistics for (i) 2017/18 and (ii) from 01 December 2018 to 15 January 2019 as at the latest specified date for which information is available for (a) pedestrian's fatalities and (b) drivers' fatalities, (c) passenger's fatalities, (d) traffic violations, (e) cases of drunken driving and (f) cases of speeding;
- (3) can she kindly provide an age group analysis for the abovementioned statistics;
- (4) how many roadblocks were implemented over the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 financial years and (iii) specifically the period from 01 December 2018 to 15

January 2019 as at the latest date for which information is available, can she kindly provide the response per district?

596. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:

With reference to the article in the Daily Dispatch titled 'Picks, Spades and Barrows for R100m Road Project' dated Tuesday, 12 November 2019:

- (1) Whether she has been informed of the situation mentioned in the article; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (2) how long is construction expected to take due to manual labour;
- (3) why was manual labour an option;
- (4) whether this complies with the norms and standards of building a road; if not, (a) why and (b) what steps her Department anticipates it will take with a view to ensuring that they comply with the norms and standards?